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2. Civil Litigation Involving Victor L. Marchetti -- Mr. Coffey.

Mr. Coffey emphasized the importance of the court directions cited in paragraph 5 of the Headquarters Employee Bulletin #309 dated 26 April 1972.

3. Approvals for Federal Executive Institute -- Mr. Coffey.

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Mr. Coffey announced the names of three future attendees at the Federal Executive Institute. They are:

- a. [redacted] beginning 20 August 1972;
- b. [redacted] beginning 22 October 1972; and
- c. [redacted] beginning 6 May 1973.

4. Budget Hearings -- Mr. Coffey.

Congressional budget hearings affecting the Agency begin in the Senate on 5 May 1972 and in the House on 16 May 1972.

5. Report on Recent TDY to Far East -- Mr. Cunningham.

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a. During Mr. Cunningham's TDY, he visited [redacted] of the [redacted] were in the Far East. He said that he was seeking from Agency people in the Far East:

- (1) feedback on their training;
- (2) the relevance of their training; and
- (3) any problems of training that they would like to make known.

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b. Mr. Cunningham said that he spoke with about [redacted] Agency people during his travels. Sometimes he met with small groups (3-4 people) and sometimes with individuals. He spoke with about 90 percent of the Support people in the [redacted] stations. He hopes to get specific comments to the concerned Office Heads as soon as he can. Mr. Cunningham said that people consistently told him that it was a real break to tell what's on their mind to someone from Headquarters.

c. Mr. Cunningham revealed three outstanding impressions he formed during his visit to the Far East. They are:

(1) We are making impressive progress in the use of non-official cover (Headquarters exposure did not hurt a man operating under non-official cover);

(2) the routine, daily use of sophisticated communications devices and other sophisticated written and photographic tradecraft techniques; and

(3) the ability to use foreign languages is still a problem (with the language needs varying within a station and between stations in the Far East).

On the latter impression (3) above, Mr. Cunningham noted, first, that the Department of State is "miles ahead of us" in their utilization of Far Eastern languages and in Far East area studies. Second, there is too little correlation (within CIA) between language training and career development plans. Mr. Cunningham suggested that there be subtle, careful long-range language planning. After a person has learned a foreign language, hopefully such a person could spend several tours in a foreign area making use of the acquired language skill.

d. Agency people in the Far East felt that more rigorous training is needed in several areas. These areas include:

(1) improving writing skills; and

(2) certain tradecraft techniques, especially "the recruitment pitch" and "interrogation techniques."

e. Supervisors seem to be generally satisfied with the Career Trainees in their respective stations. In certain cases, some supervisors feel that CT's are given preference in promotion recommendations over non-CT's.

f. Mr. Cunningham said that the FE field stations are, at times, ignorant of the training available at Headquarters (e.g., Advanced Operations Course). He suggested that the field be made aware of the training opportunities available at Headquarters. If the opportunities are known, planning for such training can begin. Training for field personnel could be worked in when people are between assignments.

g. Mr. Cunningham closed his report with a showing of certain slides he took during his TDY.

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6. Around the Table.

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██████████ said that he has a number of copies of the unclassified article "Elegant Writing in the Clandestine Service," which appeared in the most recent issue of Studies in Intelligence. ██████████ announced that the DD/S Staff Meeting on 9 May 1972 will convene in the OC Conference Room, 2D-03, at the regular time.

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